



Proclamation

Presented to

The Hawai'i Coalition on Donation

WHEREAS, The Hawai'i Coalition on Donation, whose members include Blood Bank of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Bone Marrow Donor Registry, Hawai'i Donor Family Council, The Hawai'i Lions Eye Bank & Makana Foundation, Hawai'i Living Donor Council, Legacy of Life Hawai'i, National Kidney Foundation of Hawai'i, The Queen's Medical Center Transplant Center, Surgical Associates Inc., and the Transplant Association of Hawai'i, jointly with many volunteers are dedicated to promoting public awareness and increasing the number of organ, tissue and eye donors in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, The Hawai'i Coalition on Donation observes that more than 400 people in Hawai'i await liver, kidney or pancreas transplants; and

WHEREAS, The Hawai'i Coalition on Donation estimates that each organ and tissue donor can help up to 50 people with life-saving and life-enhancing procedures; and

WHEREAS, The Hawai'i Coalition on Donation recognizes the *Aloha* State's tradition of caring and compassion for others can be a major factor in increasing the number of organ donors among Hawai'i residents; and

WHEREAS, The Hawai'i Coalition on Donation identifies education, legislative support, partnerships with local hospitals, media attention, and visibility as having helped to increase the number of organ donations and transplants; and

WHEREAS, The Hawai'i Coalition on Donation values the gifts of life, sight and healing as truly the most generous and honorable gifts one person can share with another;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 2014 as

"DONATE LIFE MONTH"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in acknowledging the efforts and good works of those who make successful transplantation possible – especially the donors and their families – by wearing the green ribbon pin that symbolizes organ and tissue donation.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-eighth day of March 2014.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i